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Copies of three Letters from Barbados, *written by the same Gentleman who wrote the one inserted in our last.*

SIR, BARBADOS, *March* 25, 1750.

SINCE I have entered upon politicks, especially an affair that so much concerns the interest of the *British* subjects in the *West-Indies*, (where my small stake is,) I cannot avoid attending to, and closely pursuing the conduct of our formidable neighbours the *French*, who are constantly insulting the forts, ships of war, governors and officers of the *British* islands.

Some days since his majesty's sloop *Speedwell*, Capt. *Salt* commander, arrived here from *Antigua*, with letters from General *Matthew* to Commodore *Holbourne*, who, when last at *Martinique*, dispatched Capt. *Bladwell* in the *Rose*, with intelligence to General *Matthew* of the reception he met with from Monsieur *Caylus*, and the insult the *British* flag in his majesty's ship *Success* under the command of Lord *Colvil*, had received from the *French* at *St. Lucia*. General *Matthew*'s letters confirm what I formerly wrote you concerning the *French* frigate, and they further inform us, that the same frigate had very lately come from *Brest*, and had not been above four days at *Martinique* (scarce time to refit) when she was dispatched by *Caylus* to his majesty's *Leward-Islands*, to fish out some cause of recrimination, to keep him in countenance, when satisfaction should be demanded for the insult on the *Success*. That this frigate came first within gun shot of *English-Harbour* at *Antigua*, and there kept off and on for some hours, and ranged the coast, without shewing colours, but escaped chastisement there, the gunner of the fort being out of the way, for which Mr. *Matthew* has reprimanded him: The same happened at *Mountserrat*, where she also escaped resentment; and at last, coming to *Nevis*, diverse shot were fired at her from the fort, and she was hulled by one before she shew'd colours: That the *French* officer, who was sent ashore, being insolent, was detained to answer for his saucineſs, and to pay for the shot. Mr. *Matthew* gives a specimen of *Caylus*'s haughty demands, in his bullying letter to him, insisting that the *President of the Island*, as well as the officer of the fort at *Nevis*, should be chastised in the presence of his parliamentire: But, General *Matthew*, being an old experienced governor, and well acquainted with the blustering behaviour of those bullies, was not so easily intimidated; however, after giving orders to release the *French* officer at *Nevis*, and making an apology for his detention, he returned an answer to *Caylus*, wherein he touched on the insult on the *Success*, and agreed to give the like satisfaction for that of *Nevis* as should be given for the other at *St Lucia*; and observed to *Caylus*, that the court of *Versailles* had not only once, but several times, been under the necessity of disavowing his, *Caylus*'s conduct, and that probably his behaviour in the late affairs would be likewise disapproved of. Mr. *Matthew* complains greatly of the insincerity, nay perfidy, of the *French*, and says he knows them too well to believe one word they say. Here I must observe, that General *Matthew* has, in my humble opinion, in all respects, behaved with the spirit of an experienced governor, excepting in one circumstance only, of which probably he was not fully apprized; I mean that of his promising the like satisfaction for the insult at *Nevis* as should be given for that at *St. Lucia*; wherein I humbly differ from that worthy gentleman, the two points in dispute not being upon an equality: Because, three shot were fired at the *Success*, where the *British* flag was flying, when going into *Pidgeon-Island* bay, from a battery at *St. Lucia*, a neutral island, equally claim'd by *Great-Britain* and *France*, and lately ordered by both monarchs to be evacuated: Whereas the firing at the *French* frigate, which shewed no colours, and which might have been a pirate for ought that then appeared, was from a fort on a *British* island, justifiable by the laws of nations and treaties of peace now subsisting. Wherefore I conceive General *Matthew* has, in this respect, fail'd in point of politicks, as I believe the *French* would outwit the devil himself on a *Treaty of Neutrality*: But as the insult on the *Success* was at an island, in Mr. *Granville*, our governor's commission, his excellency and the commodore, have dispatched the *Shark* to *Martinique*, with letters to *Caylus*, to know the cause of his late behaviour, that they may take proper steps, in order to get those insults redressed: And when I learn the success of this last message, to our *Bully Rock*, I shall likewise communicate the same to you.

I hope now, from these anecdotes, you will not take it amiss, when I say, that, *Gallic Faith* is of the same stamp with that of the *Punick* of old; nor can I help observing, that the politicians of *Great Britain* follow too much the rules of *Grotius* and *Puffendorff*, who tell us, what mankind ought to be; but the *French*, more wisely neglecting the dry rules of morality, strictly adhere to the *Machiavelian* principles, whereby they are taught to make the most they can of the foibles, honesty and pacific disposition of their neighbours, to aggrandize themselves.

The *French*, in the colonies as well as in *Europe*, are never afraid of offending their neighbours when they think themselves the major vis. And if the governors of their colonies and captains of their ships of war, who have a discretionary power to act as they shall think proper for the grandeur of their grand monarch, should at any time err and be complain'd of by the injured, they may probably be degraded one day, and the next day made *Vice-Roys* of provinces, chef d'escadres, or amirals: But it is otherwise with our governors and the officers of our ships of war; they are afraid of offending their neighbours, because they are strictly confined, in point of conduct, by instructions from ministers and boards at home, and probably upon a complaint against them, if they should take such liberties as the *French* do, for the glory of their nation, they would be rendered incapable of ever serving his majesty, in any public capacity. This then is the cause of their not instantly resenting the insults they often meet with, chooſing rather to wait for orders from home at a great distance of place and time, when the dispute may be referred to commissaries, and at last dropp'd or forgot. This was not the case in *Oliver Cromwell*'s days: Affronts were no sooner given than resented; and the haughty monarch of the perfidious nation I am now speaking of, and his great minister, trembled at his name. In the late war, I have at times, upon alarms, had the honour to command in the principal fort of this island, where are some of *Cromwell*'s great guns with this inscription, *O Lord open thou my lips, and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.* Were then our governors and the commanders of ships of war invested with a discretionary power of resenting injuries, I doubt not of their having spirit, as well as inclination, to humble those haughty offenders; and 'till then, I am afraid *Great-Britain* will never be formidable in the colonies, in time of peace.

Had you a proper and full relation of the humility of the *French*, and the necessities they were reduced to, at the time the cessation of arms was declared, you would have taken it for granted they never would have been able to hold up their heads with so much insolence as they now do: But how surprisingly have they recruited, and with what saucineſs do they now treat their *Out-witted Saviours*! I am now as much wearied of the subject, as fatigued with scribbling; and therefore shall conclude, with the same prayer as in my former, with this additional wish, which is our stated toast here when we can get a cup of *London* porter, viz. *Prosperity to Great-Britain, and all the well-wishers thereof; liberty and property, and not thirldom; confusion to the* French; *and damn the* Dutch, &c. I am,

Yours, &c.

SIR, BARBADOS, *March* 31, 1750.

HIS excellency our governor having ſtay'd the ſhip by which this goes, 'till now that the *Shark*'s returned from *Martinique*, I have juſt time to tell you, that Mr. *Greenville* and Mr. *Holbourne*, having wrote ſmart letters to the General of *Martinique* (concerning the *St. Lucia* inſults on the *Succeſs* and *Taviſtock*, and the royal orders of the two monarchs for the evacuation of the *Neutral Iſlands*, which *Caylus* would not give Mr. *Holbourne* the opportunity of ſhewing to him,) the baſhaw ſeems now to be more complaiſant; and in his anſwer to the firſt point, diſavows his having given any ſuch orders to the commandant of the *French* at *St. Lucia*, or to hinder any of his *Britannic* majeſty's ſhips from coming to thoſe iſlands; but ſays not a word of ſatisfaction, tho' he proteſts he is willing to cultivate a good underſtanding: And as to the other point, he ſays, his moſt chriſtian majeſty's orders for the evacuation of the *Neutral Iſlands* are not yet come to his hands—which if true, you may gueſs where the ſincerity lies.

Thus you ſee, the *French*, from the head to the foot of their miniſters and councils, can ſay and unſay, order and counter-order, at their pleaſure; and play with their neighbours monarchs, and treaties, as a juggler does the *Hocus-Pocus*. I ſhall now leave this diſagreeable ſubject to your better judgment and conſideration, and am *Yours*, &c.

SIR, BARBADOS, *April* 2, 1750.

SINCE my laſt, I have been favour'd with yours of the 20th of *Jan.* wherein you ſay, "I hope you are now convinced, that "*France* was ſerious in the evacuation of *Tobago*, &c." and farther, "But ſeriouſly *France* is now exceſſively humble; nor did "I ever ſee a man more fond of *England* and of *Engliſhmen*, than "the marquis *de Mirepoix* [or *More-pye* as he is call'd in this iſland] "the *French* embaſſador here, is." But what will you think of him and the court he repreſents, when you hear that the royal orders for evacuating the *Neutral Iſlands*, tranſmitted hither, are of no effect; and that a man of repute, who arrived a few days ago from *Martinique*, has made oath, that an expreſs arrived there from *France*, a little before he left that iſland, with intelligence that 5000 ſoldiers were embarked, with a proper force of ſhipping, for the *Weſt-Indies*, to garriſon and protect thoſe very iſlands the *French* have agreed to evacuate? Will not you then ſay, there is no faith in *Frenchmen*? to this it will probably be anſwer'd; that, ſuppoſing *France* in time of peace may be able to ſpare that force to their colonies, yet it can't be imagin'd, ſo great an armament could be fitted out without the knowledge of our miniſtry: But even this wants not a precedent, witneſs the caſe of the duke of *Montague*. However, be that intelligence true or falſe, certain it is, that the *French* are reinforcing *St. Lucia* and *Dominique*, from *Martinique*, with all the military ſtores and troops they can ſpare from thence.

I make no doubt of what you ſay of Monſieur *Mere-pye*'s complaiſance, or that he will ſay, *England* is a fine place, and *Engliſhmen* polite gentlemen, and that *Engliſh* porter is better than *French* wines, as if he had been born in *Wales*, had never ſeen *France* or *Frenchmen*, or drank *Burgundy* or *Champaign*; that every country-ſeat of a miniſter who gives him there an entertainment, is *magnifique*, as if there were none but huts in *France*; that *Paul*'s church as far excells *St. Peter*'s at *Rome*, as *St. James*'s the palace of *Verſailles*. He will be full of theſe hyperboles, for amuſement ſake; and *Engliſhmen* will ſuck them in as the effect of innocence and ſelf conviction. He will ſpeak bad *French* too, that our hoſtages, who I ſuppoſe are his interpreters, may have an opportunity of ſhewing their proficiency in that language, by correcting his bad proſody; as, our worthleſs pedant, *James* the firſt was *Gundimorizd* in his *Latin*, and dup'd in his politicks. In ſhort, you will be cram'd with *Pyes*, *Mag-pyes*, and *More-pyes*, 'till you choak on the cruſt; or *chanſon pour endormir*, luliaby! till the *French* have recruited in the *Weſt-Indies*; and what will they not do then, when, in the condition they now are, they inſult us in a moſt contemptuous manner. I wiſh therefore *Britannia*, or ſome of her votaries, may have a good look out: The *French* have been long aſpiring to univerſal monarchy; and we very much want either a *Machiavel*, or ſuch a plain politician as *Cromwell* was, to put us upon a footing with that perfidious nation.

But it may be juſtly aſked, who can blame them in doing their beſt for the glory of their grand monarch, if their neighbouring nations will tamely ſubmit to their ſway, and quietly become provinces of *France*? this I put to the conſideration of an hiſtorian.

You are anxious, I obſerve, about *Sweden*; I cannot ſee any danger *Great-Britain* is to fear from that quarter whether their government is arbitrary or limitted, while *Ruſſia* and *Denmark* are our friends: But, I cannot help acknowledging, that much danger may be dreaded from the alliance between *Pruſſia* and *France*, if our king, who, I ſuppoſe, is, by this time, gone, as uſual, to his native country, does not put matters upon a better footing with his neighbour and kinſman, than, at preſent, they ſeem to be: And in truth, I wiſh *Great-Britain* was rid of ſuch a bad neighbourhood. Nor ought the truſty friend of *Great-Britain*, SARDINIA, to be neglected; he is of great conſequence, 'tho at a diſtance. When *Spain* ſees the inſolence of the *French* corrected, they will ſoon drop their pretenſions to the claim of ſearch in the *Weſt-Indies*: But, it is obvious to the meaneſt capacity, that *Spain* is the dupe of *France*, in expectation of having *Gibraltar*, through their means, reſtor'd to the *Catholic* king; which 'tis hoped a *Britiſh* parliament will never conſent to.

Some *Spaniſh* ſhips, conſiſting of men of war and galleons of great force, with at leaſt *Ten Millions ſterling* on board, were by ſtreſs of weather forc'd into *Martinique*, where our dear friend *Caylus* fleeced them in re-fitting; he got the ſoldiers and ſailors to demand three months pay, ſo that they left no leſs, 'tis ſaid, than *a Hundred Thouſand Pounds* of their treaſure at that iſland.—The *Spaniſh* admiral complain'd, of the hard treatment he had there, to Commodore *Holbourne*, who upon the admiral's entreaties, generouſly ſupplied the diſtreſſed *Spaniard* with what he wanted, from the king's ſtores, at the common price; for which the *Spaniard* has made his grateful acknowledgements, intimating as much, as that he doubts not but that theſe acts of friendſhip, when properly known at *Madrid*, may be conducive towards bringing about a good underſtanding between two nations, whoſe natural intereſt it is to maintain a ſtrict friendſhip. But our Baſhaw *Caylus*, through whoſe hands the *Spaniſh* admiral's money, and ſome of the letters of correſpondence between the admiral and the commodore, went, finding his gain leſſened by Mr. *Holbourne*'s aſſiſtance to the admiral, had the impudence to intercept their letters, and to put a ſtop to their correſpondence.

Theſe are your favourites, and this their fondneſs for *England* and *Engliſhmen*! and even for their allies the *Spaniards*! who they make uſe of as tools of the damn'd politics, whereon they intend to form a future rupture with *Great-Britain*,—which I fear will 'ere long be caſe, whilſt *Britannia* is faſt a ſleep. I am *Yours*, &c.

Mr. *Timothy*, *Charles Town*, *July* 2d, 1750.

I HAVE enquired the Price of good merchantable Flour, and find it to be at 4 *l.* 10 *s. per Cent.* I am *Yours*, &c.

JOHN DART, Commiſſary-General.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO BE SOLD on *Wedneſday* the 11th of *July* Inſtant, at the Houſe of Mrs. *Mary Sureau* up the Path, a choice and healthy Parcel of NEGROES, juſt imported from the Windward Coaſt of *Africa*, in the Billander *Hector*, Capt. *Peter Boſtock* Commander. The Condition of Sale is, Credit to the firſt of *January* next, without Intereſt, giving Security, if required by

WILLIAM GLEN.

N.B. Five per Cent Diſcount will be allowed on all Sums paid down. The Sale to begin at eleven in the Forenoon preciſely.

To be Sold at public vendue, on friday the 20th of *July* 1750, at 11 in the forenoon, a peice of ground in *Guignard*'s ſquare, containing 85 feet front on *Ellery*'s ſtreet, and 46 feet deep in *French*-alley, with a convenient brick houſe and back buildings thereon, unfiniſh'd, lately belonging to *James McKelleſs* deceas'd, under mortgage. The conditions will be publiſhed at the ſale, by BOLTON & WRAGG.

To be Sold by *Thomas Walker*, at his houſe in *Charles-Town*, ſome of the beſt *Jamaica* muſcovado ſugar that ever was imported in this province, and ſome midling ditto; and as good old *Jamaica* rum as ever was diſtill'd. I ſell as ſmall a quantity as 50 *lb.*

An Abſtract of the Act *for keeping the Streets in Charles-Town, clean, &c.* will be publiſhed in a Supplement to next Monday's Gazette.

To be Sold to the higheſt bidder, at Mr. *John Bellinc*'s plantation in *Gooſe-Creek*, on thurſday the 19th day of *July*, a parcel of choice ſlaves, moſtly this country born: Credit will be given till the firſt of *March* next, paying intereſt from the day of ſale and giving approved ſecurity. The property not to be altered 'till the purchaſe-money is paid or ſatisfactory ſecurity given to the ſubſcribers, to whom the ſlaves are mortgaged.

William Briſbane, Iſaac Bradwell.

N.B. If the weather ſhould prove bad, the ſale will be the next fair day after.

Run away from the ſubſcriber at *Hobcaw*; *June* 26th, *Sambo*, *Mabe*, *Zocky*, and *Sam*: And on *July* 1ſt, *Jack*, and *Judith* his wife, with their 3 children: Alſo another wench call'd *Maria*, and her 3 children. Be it at the peril of any one to harbour: But whoever brings them to Mr. *Edward Trutter*'s or Mr. *Tobias*'s, ſhall have ſatisfactory rewards from *William Duke.*

A very good CHAIR-HORSE to be ſold: Enquire of the Printer.

To be Sold, a plantation containing 627 acres, on *Jones Iſland* near *Wappoo* creek, formerly in the poſſeſſion of Mrs. *Sarah Woodward* deceaſed, the pleaſant and convenient ſituation of it, &c. being ſo well known, a particular deſcription of it would be needleſs. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe, may apply to Mr. *Joſeph Moody*, in *Charles-Town*.

Whereas many perſons that are poſſeſſed of good rice and indico lands in this province, have not a ſufficient number of hands to improve and plant the ſame; the ſubſcriber therefore gives notice, that he will join an equal number of hands with any one ſuch perſon, for equal ſhares in the produce. Enquire at Mr. *William Glen*'s, of F. B.

Run away from the ſubſcriber, a tall negro fellow named *Titus*, has a ſpot upon his left eye, a ſcar under his right breaſt, and a great many upon his back; one of his legs has been broke, which has altered the ſhape of it upon the ſkin; he once belonged to Mr. *Walter*, and afterwards to Mr. *Charles Wright*: Alſo a ſhort thick negro wench named *Jenny*, and a boy about 8 years old, named *Titus*; all had on blue and white homeſpun cloaths. Whoever apprehends and brings them to the owner, or to the work-houſe, ſhall be rewarded according to law. *Ronald Mackdonald.*

Strayed into Mr. *Izard*'s plantation called the camp, a black ſtallion, about 12 hands and an half high, branded on the mounting ſhoulder &, and on the left buttock M Whoever owns the ſaid beaſt, may have him applying to *Felix Smith.*

THE ſubſcriber diſtills on halves, mint, pepper-mint, penny royal, origanum, rue, parſley, fennel, wormwood, lavender, roſemary, cyprus nuts, and all other herbs.

SAMUEL CARNE.

N.B. He will give 5 *ſ.* per *lb.* for any quantity of SNAKE ROOT, and if clear'd from the leaf, 7 *ſ* 6.

SOUTH-CAROLINA. *WHEREAS Peter Poinſett*, of the ſaid Province, hath exhibited his Petition to the Chief Juſtice and Juſtices of the Court of Common Pleas, ſetting forth, that he is in the Cuſtody of the Provoſt-Marſhal of this Province, upon a Writ of Capias ad Satisfaciendum, at the Suit of *Edward Richardſon*, for a Debt by him ſued for, and that he is ready and willing to make Surrender, upon Oath, to any one or more of his Creditors, in Truſt for the Reſt, all and ſingular his Eſtate, both real and perſonal, a Liſt or Schedule thereof being annex'd to his ſaid Petition, and prays to be admitted to the Benefit of the Acts of the General Aſſembly of this Province in that Caſe made and provided. *It is therefore Ordered*, and the ſaid *Edward Richardſon*, and all others to whom the ſaid Petitioner is in any ways indebted, are hereby ſummoned, and have Notice to appear at the uſual Place of Judicature in *Charles-Town*, at the Court of Common Pleas which ſhall happen *Thirty* Days next after Publication hereof, to ſhew Cauſe, if any they can, why the ſaid Petitioner ſhould not have the Prayer of his Petition granted. *July* 2d, 1750.

J. WEDDERBURN, *Cl.C.P.*

A parcel of myrtle-wax candles, to be ſold very reaſonable, by a perſon that intends to depart the province ſoon. Enquire at Mrs. *Taylor*'s in one of Mrs *Dutay*'s houſes.

JUST IMPORTED, and to be ſold by *Stead & Evance*, a cargo of MADEIRA WINE of *an extraordinary good* quality; alſo good BARBADOS RUM.

To be Sold by the ſubſcriber, and deliver'd the 1ſt of *December* next, a choice plantation upon *James-Iſland*, pleaſantly ſituated upon *Wappoo-Creek*, containing about 600 acres; there is upon it a large two ſtory dwelling-houſe and out houſes: The goodneſs of the land and other conveniencies is ſo well known, that I need not mention them here.—About 70 head of cattle, a ſtock of ſheep, hogs, and ſeveral horſes upon the ſaid plantation, are alſo to be ſold. One or two years credit will be given, paying lawful intereſt, and giving good ſecurity if required, by

Samuel Peronneau.

To be Sold at public vendue, on wedneſday the 25th of *July* 1750, at the plantation of *James Clark* deceaſed, on *Ediſto-Iſland*, all the perſonal eſtate of the deceaſed, conſiſting of a choice parcel of ſlaves, amongſt which are two coopers, two good houſe-wenches, and the reſt very valuable plantation ſlaves; alſo a ſtock of cattle, horſes, hogs, and ſheep, a good crop on the ground, and ſeveral houſhold goods. And to be let, the place where the deceaſed lately lived, alſo the place where Mr. *Daniel Mitchell* deceaſed lived. All ſums to 10 *l.* to be paid on the firſt of *September* next; all ſums to 100 *l.* on the firſt day of *January*, and all above 100 *l.* on the firſt day of *March* 1751-2, paying intereſt and giving ſecurity to *William Lawton, John Calder*, Executors.

To be Sold at public vendue, on tueſday the 24th inſtant, at 10 o'clock, at Mr. *James Singleton*'s plantation at *Four Holes*, the whole eſtate of Mr. *George Butler* deceaſed, conſiſting of a choice parcel of ſlaves, two good riding horſes, and ſome houſhold goods. Credit will be given 'till the firſt day of *January* next, paying intereſt from the day of ſale, and giving ſecurity, if required, by *Suſannah Butler*, Executrix.

N B No diſcount will be allowed in payment.

To be Sold at public vendue, on tueſday the 17th of *July* next, in *Charles Town*, twelve negroes, being part of the eſtate of *John Allen* deceaſed, amongſt whom are, a good houſe-carpenter and a good bricklayer. The conditions of the ſale is ready money. *John Scott*, Executor.

To be Sold, a negro carpenter called *Robin*, belonging to the eſtate of *John Daniel* deceas'd. Any perſon inclining to purchaſe him, may apply to *Thomas Smith*, ſen. on the bay in *Charles-Town*.

Whereas the Church-Wardens and Veſtry-Men of the pariſh of *St. Helena*, did, on the 30th of *April* laſt, aſſeſs the inhabitants owners of lands and ſlaves within the ſaid pariſh, in the ſum of *One Shilling* and *Six Pence* in the pound on their general tax, payable on or before the 30th of *July* next.

This is therefore to deſire all perſons ſubject to the payment of the ſaid aſſeſſment, living near *Charles-Town*, for their greater convenience, to pay the ſame to Meſſrs. *Glen & Cooper* in *Charles-Town*, who are properly impowered to receive the ſame, otherwiſe executions will be granted againſt ſuch perſons as ſhall neglect or refuſe to pay the ſame. *Beaufort* May 1ſt, 1750.

Jennitt Cobley, } Church-Wardens.
John Fraſer, jun. }

To be Sold, a tract of land containing 293 acres in *Gooſe-Creek* pariſh, and oppoſite to the plantation lately belonging to Doct. *Martini*, fit for rice, corn or indico, and well ſituated for a tavern or any other buſineſs. Whoever has a mind to purchaſe the ſame, may have 7 years credit, paying intereſt from the day of ſale. Enquire of *Hugh Cartwright* in *Charles-Town*, or *Joſeph Hurſt* at *Gooſe-Creek*.

ALL perſons indebted to the ſubſcriber, of *Charles-Town*, either by bond, note or book debt, are deſir'd to diſcharge the ſame, on or before the firſt day of *Auguſt* next, there being ſome preſſing demands upon him which muſt be anſwered by that time, their non compliance will oblige him to act contrary to his inclination. *Thomas Doughty.*